

**County of San Diego
Valle De Oro Community Planning Group
P.O. Box 936
La Mesa, CA 91944-0936**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: September 21, 2010

LOCATION: Otay Water District Headquarters
Training Room, Lower Terrace
2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd.
Spring Valley, California 91978-2004

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 PM Jack L. Phillips, presiding Chair

Members present: Brennan, Brownlee, Feathers, Fitchett, Henderson, Manning, Mitrovich, Phillips, Wollitz

Absent: Forthun, Hyatt, Millar, Myers, Reith, Ripperger

2. FINALIZE AGENDA: As shown

3. OPEN FORUM: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of August 17, 2010 **VOTE: 6-0-3 to approve.** Abstained: Brownlee, Mitrovich, Wollitz

5. LAND USE

- a. VAR10-010: 10159 Hermosa Way; Reduce front yard setback requirement from 40' to 20' for on-grade, single-story addition of 500 sq. ft. and a 100 sq. ft. attached porch.

Introduced by MANNING. Owner Mark Leon stated that he has lived at the address for 9 years. The house is a split level with 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. They propose to add an entry way, small office, guest bath and closet. The addition's roof line will be below street level. He has received signatures from all of his neighbors approving his proposed plans. They plan to continue living in the house and would like to improve their living arrangements.

David DeVries of 12290 Corte Sabi in San Diego stated that the general plan indicates that this is a low density residential area. This particular lot is undersized an irregularly shaped. It has a limited developable area necessitating the variance. There are many other homes with close setbacks to road in the area. There is an 8000 SF home across the street. Leon's addition will be small in comparison. MANNING noted the steep back yard slopes precluding Leon from expanding towards the back of the house. There are many other variances in the area.

MANNING's only concern, however, is the wording on the site plan under permitted uses which states, "Single family residence and accessory rental dwelling unit". Manning requests the removal of the accessory rental dwelling unit notation from the plans. The owner agreed. With that conditioned noted, MANNING recommends approval of variance. (Wollitz seconds). **VOTE 9-0-0 to approve.**

6. NEW BUSINESS: None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Possible additional discussion of alternatives for community representation. MITROVICH suggested that, if anything, the Planning Commission should be disbanded instead of the Planning Groups since they are appointed and not elected. BROWNLEE noted that Planning Commission only meets during the day when many citizens cannot attend. PHILLIPS mentioned that there is an idea of having several Planning Commissions throughout the County but it would be too expensive and difficult to coordinate. They would need rooms large enough to hold a hundred people even in rural areas. County staff would need to be present for entire meetings.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Reports, Announcements, Expenses, Appeals

PHILLIPS advised us concerning the October 20th General Plan Update meeting. He hopes Supervisor Jacob will stand up and support our items of concern.

9. ADJOURNMENT 7:23 PM

Submitted by: Jösan Feathers